

Canadian Chiropractic Research Bulletin



Dr. David Peterson DC
Chair, CCA Research Committee

In an effort to keep our research community abreast of CCA research initiatives, I have taken the opportunity to outline for you the most *recent activities undertaken by the Committee*. The constitution of the committee has been formally established and consists of myself as Chair, Dr. Grayden Bridge, Dr. Zoltan Szaraz, Dr. Howard Vernon, Dr. Martin Gurvey, Dr. Benno Nigg (public representative), Mr. Costa Papadopoulos, Dr. Ron Carter and Dr. Allan Gotlib. This constitution allows for representation by the CCA, the Consortium for Chiropractic Research Centres, the CFSR, the public, the JCCA and the field at large. Dr. Benno Nigg is the Director of the Human Performance Laboratory at the University of Calgary, one of the world's largest and best equipped research centers for musculoskeletal research. As well, he is a member of the IOC Medical Commission, and Chair of the Selection Committee for the IOC Olympic Prize.

A strategic plan has been identified and put in place and various initiatives will be implemented on a short term basis with continued planning for long term

initiatives. All of our activities are designed to raise the profile of chiropractic research in Canada so as to make our research enduring and sustainable.

Dr. Allan Gotlib has undertaken the role of research programs facilitator during the year on a part time basis in order to catalyze several of the initiatives of the Research Committee while the issue of implementation of a National Director of Research undergoes further study.



Dr. Allan Gotlib DC
Research Programs Facilitator

*A major initiative is underway aiming to create a Scotiabank research endowment fund which will allow for a research chair, doctoral and post doctoral research fellowships. The intent of this proposal is to establish a permanent self sustainable endowment, and ensure that chiropractic research will survive with **dedicated** funding. The CCA Board of Governors will be reviewing the proposal at its May meeting.*

Dr. Allan Gotlib is in the process of creating a database on current 'works in progress'. Please notify Dr. Gotlib if you are a masters or doctoral candidate or if you hold a faculty position at any

Canadian university. This information is vital to the database and will assist the CCA and provincial associations with maintaining current and factual information for the dissemination of news releases to the public, for tracking funding agency participation in chiropractic research, and for identifying the research community in order to facilitate collaborative linkages.

A Consortium of Chiropractic Research Centers has been created with participants from CMCC, Institute of Work and Health, UQTR, University of Calgary, University of Saskatchewan, and the University of Waterloo. We will look to expand this consortium to include other university based chiropractic researchers so that our networks and linkages become well entrenched. All Canadian universities are being contacted and informed of the Consortium of Canadian Chiropractic Research Centres in a preliminary effort to establish collaborative ventures and linkages with university based researchers with similar interests and facilities.

The CCA will sponsor the first scientific symposium for the newly created Consortium. The symposium will be hosted by Dr. Walter Herzog at the University of Calgary on November 14-15, 1998. Mark your calendars. This is the premiere event and a must to attend. The call for abstracts is on page 4 of this bulletin.

A meeting is being set up with Dr. Henry Friesen, President of the MRC the major government health funding agency in Canada. We will be pushing hard for access to funding for chiropractic research and young chiropractic

researchers. We are proposing that a Center for Chiropractic Research be established that would provide for chiropractic research by making necessary resources available to conduct high quality research and create opportunities for training of our young chiropractic researchers.

In an effort to raise the profile of our Canadian chiropractic researchers, the JCCA and Chiropractic Business will be profiling some of our researchers detailing their research activities, publications and funding sources. The March issue of the JCCA will focus on the significant contributions of Dr. David Cassidy at the University of Saskatchewan.

The CCA Research Committee will meet in Vancouver in July at the ICSM to discuss, among many issues, *the critical issue of setting a research agenda for the Canadian Chiropractic Association for the next 5 to 10 years.*

Several provinces are in the process of making commitments to the CCA research initiatives by directing funding to the national research committee (Alberta, Newfoundland). In furthering our provincial partnership strategies, a \$100 per member contribution to research has been formally requested at the recent Provincial Presidents meeting in Banff. This funding may be earmarked for provincial projects while channeled through the national allocating committee in a manner consistent with our research agenda.

An information package is under development by Costa Papadopoulos to assist provinces with respect to negotiating with government, insurance

stakeholders and WCB. The information will outline: why to ask, how to ask, and what to ask for with respect to research funds. The Consortium is available to act as consultants for specific proposals.

Costa Papadopoulos and Dr. Gotlib are working on the transition plan for the CFSR which will be tabled at the CCA Research Committee meeting in Vancouver in July. The plan will outline the restructuring of the foundation. The CFSR Board of Directors has agreed to restructure the present organizational framework to fit our strategic plan arising from the Task Force report. The foundation will be split into 2 divisions, one of which will be an enhanced Grants Allocation committee, while the second will be development of a Fundraising body consisting of strong business and industry leaders, government and academic leaders.

Dr. Pierre Côté, a research fellow at the Institute for Work and Health, has been awarded a National Health PhD Fellowship. The four-year fellowship, awarded by the National Health Research and Development Program, will allow Dr. Côté to pursue studying the types of health care provided by physicians and chiropractors to whiplash patients. He is working at the University of Toronto and the Institute, and we are following his work very closely.

The Fondation Chiropratique du Québec chaired by Dr. Guy Dubé, has added twelve public members to the current five chiropractors to form the first public board of administration. In 1997, \$150,000 was raised, and a goal of \$200,000 has been set for 1998, a third of which has already been committed by

the corporate sector. The Fondation is providing financial support to four chiropractic research projects and five student grants.

Over the next six months we hope to: 1) restructure the CFSR, 2) begin to set the framework for a research agenda, 3) launch a scientific research symposium, 4) establish a research chair and fellowships and 5) access readily available funds from matching grants, government, insurance and WCB sources. All of these initiatives are clear indications of CCA's significant long term commitment to chiropractic research in Canada.

This bulletin is being distributed to the approximately 50 doctors who participated in the CCA Research Task Force, workshops and meetings. If you as a recipient, have information relevant to research issues which you would like distributed to these individuals, please send it in and it will appear in the next bulletin.

Your views are important to us. Please take the time to call, fax or email your concerns, views and advice. By raising issues and addressing them we build a stronger research community. We are building a team and we need your continuing involvement. The strength of the chiropractic profession rests with our researchers to give us world class research. *You can reach us at:*

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SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

The Consortium of Canadian Chiropractic Research Centres
will hold its first
Chiropractic Scientific Research Symposium
at the University of Calgary, in Calgary Alberta
on November 14-15, 1998

CONSORTIUM PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE

Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College
Institute of Work and Health
Université du Québec à Trois-Rivière
University of Calgary(Human Performance Laboratory)
University of Saskatchewan(Institute for Health and Outcomes Research)
University of Waterloo(Occupational Biomechanics and Safety Laboratories)

Call for Abstracts

Scientific abstracts are invited for oral or poster presentation and must be received by July 15, 1998 to be reviewed by the Scientific Programme Committee.

Heritage Lectures on the role of science in chiropractic are planned from Dr. Ron Gitelman(CMCC), Dr. Adrian Grice(CMCC), Dr. Scott Haldeman(LACC) and Dr. Ian Coulter(RAND). **Keynote lectures** are confirmed from Dr. Phil Conway(University of Calgary), Dr. Stuart McGill(University of Waterloo), Dr. David Cassidy(University of Saskatchewan), Dr. Howard Vernon(CMCC), Dr. Pierre Côté(Institute of Work and Health).

There are workshops planned on electromyography and dynamometry as well as awards for young investigators and for seasoned researchers.

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